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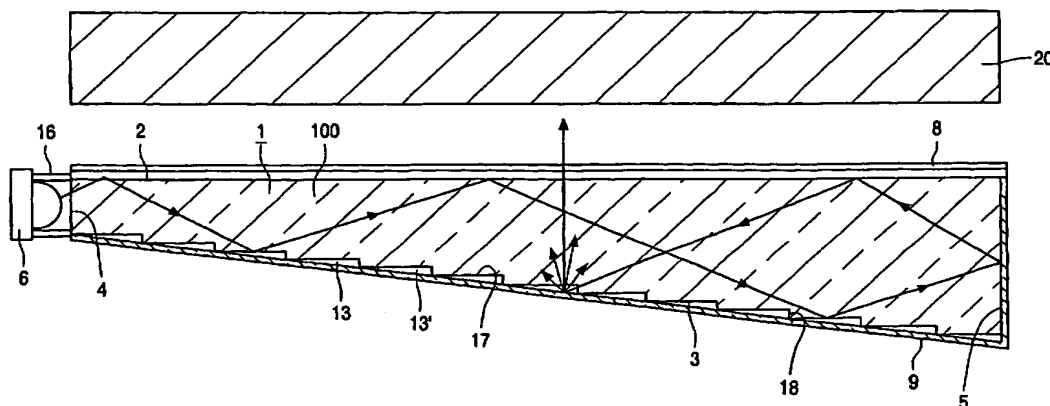
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(57) Abstract: A compact backlight system has a light-emitting panel (1) with a front wall (2), a rear wall (3) situated opposite thereto, and furthermore, between the front and the rear wall (2, 3), a first edge surface (4) and, opposite thereto, a second edge surface (5). A first light source (6) is associated with the first edge surface (4) which is light-transmitting. According to the invention, the light-emitting panel (1) widens over a widening section (100) from the first edge surface (4) in a direction towards the second edge surface (5), and the rear wall (3) is provided over the widening section (100) with a multiplicity of steps (13, 13', ...) of which a surface (17) facing the front wall (2) is substantially parallel to the front wall (2). Preferably, the ratio of the surface area  $S_1$  of the first edge surface (4) and the surface area  $S_2$  of the second edge surface (5) ranges from  $1.5 < S_2/S_1 < 3$ .

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